

Prime Minister's meeting with President Roosevelt - Aug. 7/41
Draft of Joint Declaration

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~~FOR THE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE~~

The President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, being met together, deem it right to make known certain common principles in the national policies of their respective countries on which they base their hopes for a better future for the world.

First, their countries seek no aggrandisement, territorial or other;

Second, they desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.

Third, they respect the right of all peoples to choose *sovereignty* the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see self-government restored to those *people* whose *rights* have been forcibly *deprived* of them.

Fourth, they will endeavour, with due respect to their existing obligations, to further the enjoyment by all peoples of access, on equal terms, to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity.

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Fifth, they ~~desire~~ *desire* fullest collaboration between *all* Nations in the economic field with the subject of securing for all peoples ~~freedom from want~~ improved labour standards, economic advancement and social security.

Sixth, they hope to see established a peace, after the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny, which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in security within their own boundaries, and which will afford assurance to all peoples that they may live out their lives in freedom from *fear of want*.

Seventh, ~~they desire~~ *they desire* such a peace *should enable* ~~as the high seas and oceans to be free from all restrictions~~ *for all nations*.

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Eighth, they believe that all of the nations of the world must be guided in spirit to the abandonment of the use of force. ~~Because~~ *Because* no future peace can be maintained if land, sea or air armaments continue to be employed by nations which threaten, or may threaten, aggression outside of their frontiers, they believe that the disarmament of such nations is essential pending the establishment of a wider and more permanent system of general security. They will further the adoption of all other practicable measures which will lighten for peace-loving peoples the crushing burden of armaments.

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Private Office,
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In brief, the eight points of the Atlantic Conference were:

1. no territorial gains sought by the United States or the United Kingdom;
2. territorial adjustments must be in accord with wishes of the peoples concerned;
3. the right to self-determination of peoples;
4. trade barriers lowered;
5. global economic cooperation and advancement of social welfare;
6. freedom from want and fear;
7. freedom of the seas;
8. disarmament of aggressor nations, postwar common disarmament